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## **Duncan Announces Opening of New Fire Station in Clarksburg**

Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan today announced the opening of a new interim fire station in Clarksburg – Station 35. The 3,000-square-foot facility, located at 22610 Gateway Center Drive in the Gateway Center Business Park, will initially include one fire engine staffed by a full time crew of four persons, one of whom will be a paramedic.

“This new fire station will enhance public safety for the Upcounty area, particularly Clarksburg,” said County Executive Douglas M. Duncan. “Faster response time and full-time paramedic coverage will improve fire and rescue service to the growing Clarksburg community.”

The interim fire station opened on Sunday, November 20. A full-time crew of six will be initially assigned to the larger station, staffing one fire engine and one EMS unit.

“I am pleased to see the advocacy efforts of the community, the initiative of the Council, and the hard work of the County’s Fire and Rescue Service come together to provide this much needed resource in Clarksburg,” said Councilmember Mike Knapp.

“I and everyone I’ve talked with believe that the Gateway Center location is an excellent choice for the interim fire station,” said Clarksburg Civic Association President Paul E. Majewski in an endorsement letter to Upcounty Regional Services Director

Catherine Matthews. “Thank you, and thanks to the rest of the county personnel that have explored and studied various candidate sites and have come up with this one. I have witnessed that you all have put your many personal and professional talents into increasing the safety services provided to our community.”

“The men and women of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service have worked diligently in the Clarksburg community to provide a fire safe and injury free environment,” said Fire Chief Tom Carr. “Now we are pleased to open the local community fire station and are even more poised to respond to emergencies in a timely manner. Together we can make Clarksburg a safe place to live, work and play.”

Prior to this week’s opening of Fire Station 35 in the community, fire and rescue service to the Clarksburg area was provided by extra staffing at Fire Station 29 in Germantown and Fire Station 9 in Hyattstown.

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